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Conservation Commission Minutes 08/04/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 August 4, 2011

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Catherine Garnett, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman and Michelle Durocher of the Commission. Curt Connors and Chris Naylor, of the Commission, were not in attendance. Also present were Andrew Leonard, Al Gala, Leslie Mayer, Brian Knowles, Catherine Cahill and Michele Simoneaux.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

The **Walking Book subcommittee** met on 8/2 and quickly agreed that having the book produced by this year's Town Day was not feasible. The next meeting is tentatively set for 8/30.

8pm **Notice of Intent** – Thorndike Field Off-Leash Dog Park

Mr. Leonard and Ms. Mayer presented the plans for this new park. Ms. Garnett asked if it was large enough to accommodate the expected volume of use. Ms. Mayer responded that this was a large corner of the field.

Mr. Tirone asked if there are any existing drains in this area. Mr. Leonard responded that there are not. The project is redevelopment. The play elements of the park and the path have been moved to the west away from the wetland at the request of the Commission.

Mr. Tirone asked if more specific time frames could be stated in the Operation and Maintenance plan. At present it was very general. The perimeter drain should be inspected twice in the first year and once a year in subsequent years. The infiltration system should be checked after every 10 year storm. The applicant agreed to submit a revised OM plan.

Ms. Garnett asked who enforces the pick up of dog waste. Ms. Mayer responded that the park users/dog owners are asked to pick up after their own dogs and they will organize volunteer clean ups. If these are not sufficient to keep the area clean, then the Town may require a fee for use of the park and with those funds hire a pick up service to clean up the dog waste.

The park will get a daily watering for liquid wastes.

Tirone/White motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

White/Tirone motioned to approve the dog park with the condition to submit a revised Operation and Maintenance plan; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm **Notice of Intent** – 63 Sunnyside Ave

The revised plan for this project shows the addition of pervious pavers at the end of the driveway closest to the house. The oil tank will be relocated no closer to the wetland than it currently is (the homeowner may switch to gas). An erosion control sock will be placed at the end of the driveway and snow fence will be used as well.

Tirone/White motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Tirone/White motioned to approve the project as proposed on the revised plan; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm **Request for Determination of Applicability** – new gas line under Massachusetts Ave and Boulevard Rd

Ms. Simoneaux presented the project for a 12 inch bypass pipe in the existing roadway to allow inspections every 7 years of the gas lines.

The Commission would require that the work stay outside of the new guardrail at the Alewife Reservation along Boulevard Rd.

White/Tirone motioned to issue a Determination of Applicability that while the project was within an area of jurisdiction that no impact to wetland resources should occur and no Notice of Intent is required; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business, cont.

Mr. Tirone and Mr. White updated the Commission on the Arlington Reservoir **waterchestnut** removal project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator